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Many thanks to David Barnhardt for a great event that over 60 people attended from the Imperial, Classic, and Studebaker Clubs. It was so relaxing, such a different way of life just a couple of hours from the bustling bay area. Acre after acre of pear orchards surrounded the mansion. The mansion was incredible. Definitely a great place for a wedding and the brunch was superb.

To David: "The venue was terrific; the food was great; and the ride through the delta country was an eye-opener for some who hadn't spent much or any time in that area. Seeing all the different cars in the parking lot was a treat. I wished for more time to spend chatting with guests, and I think we missed a nice opportunity to stand up and thank you and everyone who attended. A good time was had by all!"

Charles Thompson

Grand Island Mansion Tour!



2015

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Tech Session a Success!

See page 4 for more.

"Jeff was amazing. Guys stayed until 5:00 pm to watch and listen!"

Bob F.



Left: Ed Gunther's 1947 Sedanette being inspected.

Above: Jeff analyzing Bob's 1940 distributor.



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Stay Tuned...for UPDATES to the 2015 CLC Calendar

If you have an event or article you would like to submit, please contact the newsletter editor. The deadline for all submissions is the 25th of the month prior to the publication date. RED = CLC Events, BLACK = Non CLC Events.



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| April 12 | Cadillac Through the Years - Las Vegas (see pg. 7) |
| April 26-30 | California Mille driving event |
| May 3 | San Jose Country Club 5th Annual Concours d'legance Car Show
http://www.sanjosecountryclub.org/pdf/other/ConcoursApplication2015.pdf |
| May 16 | Not Playland at the Park - Carolyn to send flyer |
| May 31 | The 2015 San Luis Obispo Concours (see pg. 7) |
| June 7 | Picnic at the Stagnitto's - Oakley, CA (see insert) |
| June 13 | St. Helena drive-in night and winery tour (IN PROGRESS) |
| June 24-27 | CLC Grand National - Wisconsin |
| July 17 | Hillsborough Concours (Featuring Ferrari)
http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org |
| July 26 | Portal Park Cupertino |
| August 11-15 | National Tour - Detroit ends at Woodward Dream Cruise |
| August 16 | Pebble Beach http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net |
| September 7 (monday) | Bob Consani Classic Lake Sonoma
http://www.bobconsaniracing.com |
| September 13 | The 15th Annual Antique Autos in History Park San Jose (Featuring Pre-WWII Cadillac's http://www.scvmtfc.org/future.html |
| September 20 | Danville Concours
http://www.danville-delegance.org/events_concours.aspx |
| September 26 | Ironstone Concours http://www.ironstonefoundation.org |
| October 4 | Niello Concours at Serrano http://www.nielloconcoursatserrano.com |
| October 10 | Alameda Car Show - Crankers Car Club
http://www.shopparkstreet.com/carshow.html |
| October 16-18 | North-South Meet |
| October 31 | Local Driving Tour |
| November 7 | Planning Meeting |
| November 21 or 28 | Vallejo Parade for Charity |
| December | Holiday Party TBD |



Message from the President



Hello Cadillac and LaSalle lovers!

This year is off to an exciting start, we've had two fun events Jeff and Bob got us back on the road with their fantastically informative tune-up workshop, and David Barnhardt brought us along some beautiful river highways to the historic Grand Island Mansion for brunch (Right: Jim and I enjoyed the brunch). On the latter tour, we were joined by some other great local clubs, Imperial, Classic car, and Studebaker, we were quite a site driving up along the river!



Other events we've added to the calendar include the Sacramento swap meet which we've heard is one of the best around, and two concours events that are featuring Cadillac this year. San Luis Obispo which is coming up quickly in May, and the Niello concourse at Serrano, which is in El Dorado Hills, CA this fall.

I attended the winter national board meeting this year, and there are quite a few interesting things going on nationally, the Cadillac and LaSalle Club Museum opened at Hickory Corners in MI, last September, and is doing quite well. The building came in at budget and that was with additional lighting then was in the plan. The museums first two big meets have been held there, and were successful. There is going to be an annual fall festival, and this years focus is on V-16s, so it should be a very impressive show. Even if you can't make it out to Michigan in the fall for that event, the museum is very good, and deserves a stop if you are anywhere near the area.

Thank you for renewing your regional memberships for this year and returning your ballots, if you haven't sent in your payment for 2015, this will be your last newsletter until you renew. We had our board elections, Carolyn Dippel, Don Barnes and Jeanene Denegri were elected to two-year terms for 2015, and Joe McDonald, David Barnhardt, and Jim Serwer were appointed for 1 year terms. If you are interested in joining our local board, please reach out to me and let me know! We also need new committee members who are interested in helping us attend local events, chat with potential sponsors and spread the word.

Personal cad update: the '67 'vert is going in for suspension this month.

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Carolyn Dippel
Director, Northern California Region

SPECIAL NOTE: Members please consider this...Cadillac is the featured marque at the Niello concours (in El Dorado Hills) this year, on **October 4, 2015** and we've been asked to judge the Cadillac field, consult on Class assignments. Any one who is interested please see their website <http://www.nielloconcoursatserrano.com>

Welcome New Members for 2015!

Please send your "Cadillac Story" with two pictures, for the "CLC News" section in the newsletter. Don't forget any interesting details. Email to: jeanened@comcast.net

Ed Buliavac
George Graveline
Michael McKinney
Jona Madeiros
Jack Marcheski
Jeremy Sanford
David Severini
Vince Torrano
Dennis Vincent

Let's Get Greasy!



What a success! It might have to be an annual event! 13 people showed up at Bob's "neat" garage in San Ramon. The purpose of the meet was to encourage members to get their cars ready for tour season. Jeff Nielsen gave a tech talk on tune-up procedures and tips. We were lucky enough to have Bob Fracolli's 1967 and 1940 Cadillac's to work on. All went smooth and Bob's cars got some TLC. Thanks to Bob for hosting the event and Paul Borgwardt for some great technical advice. Dominic Bavaro drove all the way from Fresno to attend.



Paul Borgwardt and Bob Fracolli's '67 DeVilles side-by-side.

FOR SALE

1974 Sedan deVille 77k miles, \$7500
grayish blue with leather interior.
Call Frank Stagnitto (925) 516-2167

WHAT A TOUR...MORE PHOTOS!

Grand Island Mansion Tour!



See what happens when you bring your adult children to events...great photos! Jeff & Jeanene's daughter Dana took this awesome shot above. Also, thanks to Charles Thompson, John Smith and Jeff Nielsen for their awesome photos.

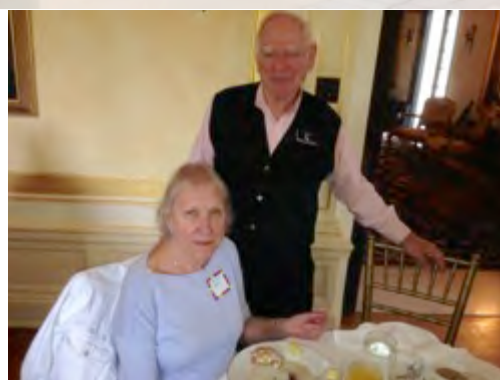
"Hi, David: I want to thank you for putting together a really wonderful event last Sunday. Ed, Quince and I thought it was a big success. And my '53 Cad ran really well.
All the best, Blake Weston



Quince & Blake above.



The classic "rear-ends."



Jan 25, 2015 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the NorCal Chapter of the Cadillac LaSalle Club.

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 am at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City. Present at the meeting were: Carolyn Dipple, Dave Barnhardt, Don Barnes, Jeanene Denegri, Jeff Nielsen, Jim Serwer, and Joe McDonald. The minutes of the previous meeting were not read and neither approved nor disapproved.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of treasurer's report was passed out to everyone. On Feb. 7, Charles e-mailed a corrected version to board members. It contains a list of revenue and expenses for the period 12/18/2013 to 1/25/15. Revenue totaled \$8,017.45 and expenses totaled \$9,127.60, for a loss of \$1,110.15.

The holiday party lost \$19.78. Joe explained that this was not due to a no-show. He had assumed that the cost per person included tips. A restaurant employee said she got nothing from our payments. So Joe gave her \$30.00. Without this the club would have had a small profit.

Newsletter

In the most recent issue, Jeanene improved the quality of the paper, which improved the appearance of the pictures. This also increased the mailing cost. This issue costs \$1.80 per copy for printing plus postage. Only 45 copies were mailed, versus 60 in the past. Jeanene suggested publishing once every two months, but use the better paper when nice pictures are included. We agreed that the *Headliner* would usually be once every two months; we might occasionally send a shorter newsletter in off months if events warranted.

Membership

Jeff has drafts of two letters. One to send to members with their renewal notices. The second is an invitation to be sent to members of National who are not members of NorCal. Jeff suggested that we offer free first-year membership to new members. There was little support for this. It was noted that we offer a free dinner to new members. Currently a new-members dinner is not on the schedule. A decision to have a new-members dinner is deferred until later in the year after we see how many new members we have. The policy has been to waive the extra \$10.00 in dues for snailmail newsletters if a member has no internet access. Jeff asked if we should continue this? Carolyn stated that we would no longer offer this. But if someone calls and asks for \$10.00 waiver, then we would grant it. The question arose of requiring national membership before joining NorCal. Jeff noted that if a bad accident occurred involving someone who was not a member of National, then National's insurance would not help, and NorCal could be held liable.

Ballots for the Board have been prepared. They will be sent out with the renewals. Ballots should be returned by March 1, 2015. Board members up for election are: Carolyn, Don, Jim, Jeanene, David, Joe.

Jeanene suggested that we have nametags on tours such that we can identify who is a member who is a guest. This would facilitate old members being friendly to new members to encourage greater future participation.

Tours

Carolyn is organizing the Gold Country tour in April. Probably will be an overnighner. plans to mail a separate announcement for this tour. There has been no contact with Patti about the work party scheduled for May 16. Carolyn said she would call Patti.

The St. Helena tour is being planned by John and Margi Smith.

Jeff stated that we have paid the city for use of Portal Park. The Rolls Royce club would like to join us at Portal Park. We agreed that they are welcome. ...Jona has invited the Cadillac club to have its own section at the Bob Consani Memorial Classic Car show in Sonoma on Sept. 7. We need information from her so that we can start planning...North-South Meet is being planned by South this year...Carolyn is planning the local driving tour on October 31...Charles has

suggested some tours, but has not set specific dates...Jeff had a suggestion for a tour. There used to be an amusement park called Playland at the Beach near the Cliff House. Today there is an amusement park called Playland Not-at-the-Beach in El Cerrito. Jeff volunteers to scout this out for a tour and report back...Jeanene encouraged those going to "Let's Get Greasy" on Feb 22, 2015 to encourage other members to come...Jeff announced that on Valentines Day the Hudson club is meeting at the restoration shop in Corte Madera. From there they are taking a tour to a hotel in Occidental for lunch. People who want to go should contact Ivan at the restoration shop. His phone number is in the Hudson club newsletter...Charles has agreed to plan the next Board meeting in his area in late March or early April. Don will plan a Board meeting in June or July at Sinbad's. Jeff will plan the fall board meeting in Sept. or Oct. ...Carolyn will organize planning meeting on Saturday, November 7.

New Business

Carolyn attended two national board meetings - the regular board meeting and the museum board meeting.

Museum Board

Carolyn is running for member of the museum board. Museum donations tend to be larger at the beginning of the year and then taper off. Carolyn suggests that if NorCal donates, we should do it later in the year. Cars may be donated to the Museum. This year's calendar is focused on the museum rather than on cars. The museum board recommends that we use calendars to foster relationships with dealers by visiting dealers and giving them a copy of the calendar. There was discussion about soliciting ads from local dealers and about dealer sponsorship of Portal Park.

Other New Business

Carolyn has suggested to Charles that he set up a PayPal or similar account so that people could pay for membership and events by credit card. We plan to offer name badges this year in the newsletter. Since Dave Ricci has passed away, we will now ask Charles to handle name badges.

Paul Ayers wants us to ask for items for auction at the National Meet. This should go into the newsletter...There is an unresolved problem of how to handle members who have dropped out of National but still have time left on their NorCal membership. Jeff agreed to check quarterly for members whose national membership has lapsed and notify them. When we solicit advertisements, we can suggest that people also advertise in the national magazine...Carolyn will talk to Dave Brick about more links to national web site on the NorCal web site. ...There are changes to the judging rules for the Grand National. The entire process will be revamped over the next three years. Should we host the Grand National in 2019? There was no opposition; a firm commitment is tabled until the next board meeting...The 2016 Grand National is in Las Vegas. Southern California is doing the driving tour in 2018. Cadillac is a featured marque this year at Kelly Park on Sept. 13...Jeff and Jeanene will take the tent to Kelly Park and promote the club. We discussed selling logo merchandise. (T-shirts? jackets? travel mugs? stickers? hats? et cetera?) Further discussion was tabled for next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.



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Here is the link to the Sacramento swap meet on Saturday, April 18.
This is a one of the better swap meets. Located at
Sleep Train/Arco Arena in Sacramento.

<http://www.sleeptrainarena.com/event/sacramento-swap-meet-august-4/>



10th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday April 12, 2015 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entertainment, Special Guests, Ladies Events, Awards

Over 60 Classic Cadillac & LaSalle Automobiles
on Display Representing 110+ years of Cadillac Innovation
1903 to Present

<http://cadillacthroughtheyears.com>



San Luis Obispo Concours

on Sunday, May 31, 2015

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

to meet with other auto enthusiasts,
and experience why San Luis Obispo is
consistently voted one of the best
towns in the country.

For 2015, two featured Marques were
selected in celebration of elegance and
memories: **Cadillac** in honor of the
brand's 112 year history of style, and
Volkswagen with its "Peoples Car"
beginning with the Beetle.

**Early Registration Ends
Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

This site contains a whole list
of car parts companies.

VintagePartSource.com



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EXTRA! EXTRA! CLC NEWS

Welcome Ed Buliavac to the Club!



“Thanks again for a wonderful time last Sunday (at Portal Park 2014). I’ll keep you updated on his restoration of the 1940 Series 62 Coupe. Gregg Allen is doing the restoration, his shop in Campbell. I’ll send more pictures soon.”

Best,

Ed Buliavac 408.241.3645